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## 1. Location:

The following installations were seen in the vicinity of the  
Moscow-Khimki airfield: an aircraft plant on its western border,  
a V-weapons plant on its southern border and a launching site  
to the northeast of the plant.

## 2. Observations:

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Two or three launchings were made every second night after Janu-  
ary 1949. The noise of the take-offs was distinctly heard. 50X1-HUM  
this noise a low humming tone, similar to that  
produced by a heavy automatic weapon with a rapid rate of fire.  
The fiery tail of the ascending missiles was seen four  
or five times. The ascent of the missiles was at an angle of 15  
to 20°, the missiles heading about north at a high speed. The 50X1-HUM  
produced glare was similar to the tail of a comet. The individual  
ascents took place at prolonged intervals.

## Comment:

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a. The testing of five rocket attachments within a 24-hour period  
was mentioned in a former report for the test stand of Plant  
No. 456.

b. The mentioned so-called launching activities probably represent  
the testing of rocket attachments. The correctness of the very  
few reports on alleged take-offs of V-missiles is doubted. The  
observed glare may possibly have been produced by taking-off planes  
since it is known that jets are also being tested in Khimki.

c. However, these observations may also be connected with experi-  
mental take-offs of V-1 missiles, since many reports of 1947 and  
1948 mentioned the assembly of V-1 missiles and the existence of  
five parallel launching sites for such missiles at this field.

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d. But it is particularly stressed that in several clear and comprehensive reports on the Khirki Plant covering the same period of observation no mention was made of the launching of missiles.



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